

STOCKS CLOSE FIRMER.

HEAVY FOREIGN SELLING.

BOND MARKET MORE ACTIVE—MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Closing prices yesterday of the principal active securities and net changes from Wednesday's quotations were as follows:

STOCKS.	
Am. Mill. & W. 204	+1/2
Am. Sugar Ref. 112 1/2	+1/4
Am. Tobacco 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Cotton Oil 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Gas & E. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Ice 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Lumber 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Paper 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Rubber 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Steel 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. T. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. W. & A. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Y. & N. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Z. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. A. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. B. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. C. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. D. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. E. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. F. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. G. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. H. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. I. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. J. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. K. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. L. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. M. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. N. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. O. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. P. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Q. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. R. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. S. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. T. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. U. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. V. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. W. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. X. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Y. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Z. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE.	
Am. Mill. & W. 204	+1/2
Am. Sugar Ref. 112 1/2	+1/4
Am. Tobacco 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Cotton Oil 104 1/2	+1/4
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Am. W. & A. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Y. & N. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. Z. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
Am. A. & S. 104 1/2	+1/4
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THE DAY'S OPERATIONS IN STOCKS.

Stocks moved within narrow limits yesterday, developing little life and closing firm, without important change from Wednesday's final figures. More significant than the movement of stocks, as a factor bearing upon the country's prosperity and the actual worth of securities, was the progress of the wheat market toward a higher level, continued buying for export, assisted by a heavy speculative demand, advancing the December option 2 1/2 cent above the preceding day's level. In addition to the influence of the existing foreign demand upon grain prices, quotations were favorably affected by the European political outlook on the theory that the possibility of war between France and England was not remote, and that in case of war, the foreign inquiry for American breadstuffs would be doubled. Leaving war possibilities out of the question, the fact remains that Europe must continue a heavy buyer of grain in this market for some time to come, and, as a consequence, American farmers, who have been holding back their wheat in expectation of such a demand, will be prosperous for the third consecutive year, the railroads will increase their traffic receipts, and the whole country will enjoy the benefits of rich and plentiful harvests. With wheat advancing and prosperity coming to the agricultural community, the spectre of free silver should gradually disappear. In the opinion of some Wall Street men, who are less timid than the majority of bankers and brokers, current uneasiness over the approaching election will be before November 8, and be succeeded by a period of advancing securities values.

Ordinarily developments of a favorable nature in the wheat market would exert a pronounced influence upon stock quotations. In yesterday's market they offset to some extent local speculative fear over the domestic and foreign political situation, but were not successful in accomplishing marked improvement in prices. As a rule, operations were wholly for the professional account, the bond department alone exhibiting encouraging symptoms of investment interest. The aggregate of business was heavier than on Wednesday, but in all, total sales amounted to only 177,000 shares.

After irregularity and weakness in the morning, the general list became firm on covering of shorts, induced, no doubt, by the rapid advance in wheat prices. Final changes showed small net gains in the greater number of issues. Manhattan was exceptionally strong and active, and was bought on a revival of rumors regarding the company's alleged intention of substituting electricity for steam. London sales, amounting to more than 20,000 shares, were absorbed without appreciable influence upon prices.

THE DAY'S OPERATIONS IN BONDS.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.—Sales, \$25,000 coupon 2s at 104 1/2, and \$20,000 small bonds 3s at 106 1/2. Final quotations follow:

RAILROAD BONDS.—Market moderately active and firm on a well-distributed volume of business. Total sales amounted in par value to \$1,768,000, against \$1,446,000 on Wednesday. The more important dealings were in the Atchafalaya Series, Baltimore and Ohio consol 5s receipts, Jersey Central 5s prior 4s, Metropolitan Street Railway 5s, Kansas Pacific 4s and Texas joint 4s, Missouri Pacific consol 6s and northern Pacific general lien 3s and prior 4s, Rock Island 4s, St. Louis and Iron Mountain 3s, Union Pacific 4s, Wabash debenture 3s, West Shore railroad 4s, Erie 4s, St. Paul series A, Chicago Terminal 4s, New York Central Lake Shore 3 1/2s, Wisconsin Central 4s, Erie 4s receipts, and Central Ohio reorganization 4s.